

Letter from Arthur W. McCurdy to Alexander Graham Bell, October 29, 1903

143 Bloor Street, West. Toronto, Ontario. October 29, 1903. Dr. A. Graham Bell. Baddeck, N.S. Dear Dr. Bell —

Col. McGillivray was very busy on Saturday last preparing to leave town for a trip around the world.

I paid him for the sheep \$150.00, but there is a further charge for crating, the bill of which has not yet come to hand, but it wont amount to more than a dollar a head. The sheep were to be expressed last Tuesday night so as to reach Baddeck before Saturday. I have not heard from Mr. Silversides that this has been done, but presume it has. I have written him for his bill for crating and will probably hear from him in a day or two. I hope that the sheep will reach you in good order. I think that they are a very good lot — the best that we could pick out. Look out specially for No. 3085. Mr. Silversides stated to me that that sheep alone was worth \$100. Perhaps there is something interesting in her ancestry. The certificates have not come to hand yet. Will forward as soon as they do. I was to have them on Monday but Col. McGillivray carried them away with him to Chicago. I hear by telephone that the valise has come back and that I will get the papers tomorrow. I have access to the record books and will see what can be done about a chart.

Regarding multiple births:—Col. McGillivray told me that he has had six lambs from one sheep in thirteen months; that is three pair of twins. He has had many triplets twice a year.

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A friend of his had seven lambs within thirteen months, two set of twins, and one set of triplets.

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Owing to the Colonel's haste and many people waiting to see him I was unable to get very much information out of him, but he has placed his flock and record books at my disposal and I will see what I can make out of them and forward you a report.

Yours sincerely, Arthur W McCurdy